Met Office to showcase its history in marine forecasting at London Boat Show

08 January 2015 - The Met Office is sharing its 150 years expertise of marine weather forecasting at this year's London Boat Show, which takes place between 9th and 18th January at the Excel London.

At the show , the Met Office will demonstrate how it is using technology and innovation to put the latest weather forecasts and warnings into the palm of seafarers with its smartphone apps and mobile website.

The Met Office will be based at Stand B010 where visitors can talk with the team about meteorological-related matters including how it is working with partners to continually identify potential new services that could help with safety at sea. Visitors will even get the chance to experience the Beaufort Wind Scale at the stand thanks to a wind simulator.

Penny Tranter, Civil Contingency Advisor to the Met Office, will also be giving a talk at the show on 12th and 13th January. Penny will cover her experience at the London 2012 Olympics, where she conducted forecasting for the sailing events, as well as the wind and wave modelling technology which was used to forecast for the specific area during these events.

Derrick Ryall, Head of the Met Office Public Weather Service explains: "More than 150 years ago, the Met Office was set up to protect lives at sea and that has been at the heart of what we do ever since. From the earliest warnings based on observations by eye alone, to the cutting edge satellite and computer technology that makes today's sophisticated forecasts possible, we've always been at the forefront of weather forecasting."

Last updated: 30 July 2015